

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

Claim 1 (currently amended): A composition comprising a fructo-oligosaccharide (FOS) and a galacto-oligosaccharide (GOS), wherein said FOS contains up to about 95% by weight of oligofructose composed of chains with a degree of polymerization ranging from about 2 to about 7 and said GOS contains up to about 95% by weight of oligogalactose composed of chains with a degree of polymerization ranging from about 2 to about 7.

Claim 2 (cancelled):

Claim 3 (currently amended): The composition according to claim 1 wherein the weight ratio FOS:GOS is from about 0.2 to about 5. 0.01 to about 50.

Claim 4 (cancelled).

Claim 5 (currently amended): The composition according to claim 1 wherein the amount of the FOS and GOS blend is comprised between about 2.0 to about 55% 0.05 and about 40% by weight or by volume, based on the total weight or total volume of the composition.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The composition according to claim 1 wherein said composition provides at least 400kcal per serving.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The composition according to claim 1 which comprises more than about 1en% protein, based on the total caloric content of the composition.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The composition according to claim 1 in which the composition is nutritionally complete.

Claim 9 (cancelled).

Claim 10 (currently amended): The composition according to claim 5 9 which comprises, per 100ml: about 1.25g FOS, about 1.25g GOS, about 9g proteins, about 22g carbohydrates and about 9g fats.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The composition according to claim 1 in which the composition is a ready-for-consumption composition.

Claims 12 through 17 (cancelled).

Claim 18 (withdrawn): A method of controlling gastrointestinal disorders in a human in need thereof comprising the step of administering a composition according to claim 1 to said human.

Claim 19 (withdrawn): A method of controlling intestinal flora in a human in need thereof comprising the step of administering a composition according to claim 1 to said human.

Claim 20 (withdrawn): A method of controlling inflammatory bowel disease in a human in need thereof comprising the step of administering a composition according to claim 1 to said human.

Claim 21 (withdrawn): A method of controlling infection by a pathogenic gut bacteria in a human in need thereof comprising the step of administering a composition according to claim 1 to said human.

Claim 22 (withdrawn): A method for stimulating growth of beneficial bacteria in a human in need thereof comprising the step of administering a composition according to claim 1 to said human.

Claim 23 (withdrawn): The method of claim 22, wherein said beneficial bacteria is selected from the group consisting of *bifidobacteria* and *lactobacilli*.

Claim 24 (withdrawn): A method of inhibiting growth of nonbeneficial bacteria in a human in need thereof comprising the step of administering a composition according to claim 1 to said human.

Claim 25 (withdrawn): The method of claim 24, wherein said nonbeneficial bacteria is selected from the group consisting of *bacteroides*, *clostridia*, coliforms, and sulphate reducing bacteria.

Claim 26 (new) The composition according to claim 1 further comprising glutamine.